

10 MAY 1960 MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MARCH, 1960

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.12.1959

Metropolitan at 31.12.1959

Males - 372,252 Females - 354,237 Persons - 726,489

Persons - 393,000

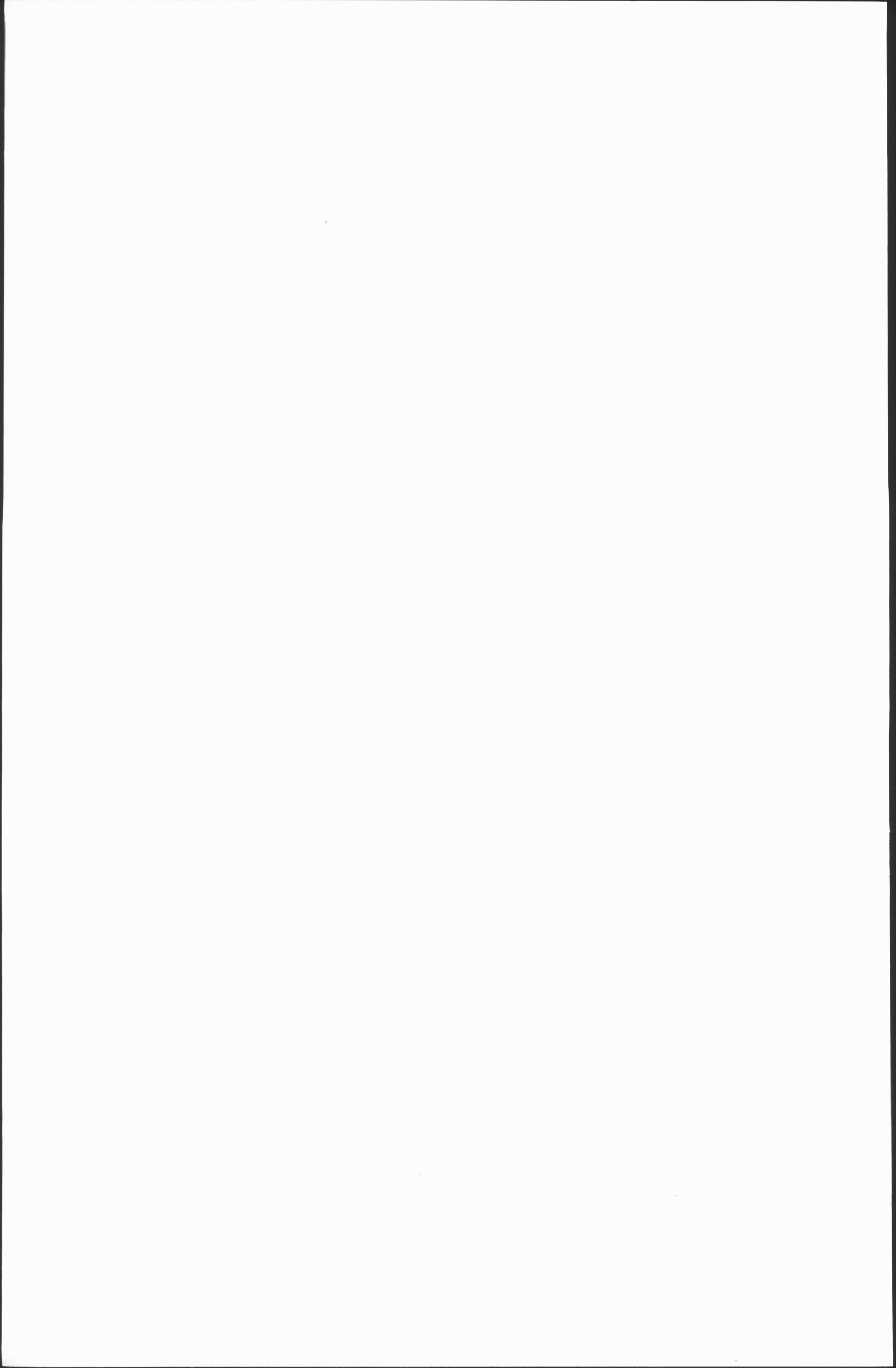
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	FEBRUARY				Two Months ended FEBRUARY			
	1960		1959		1960		1959	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	446	7.74	480	8.76	973	8.16	974	8.44
Births	1,264	21.93	1,338	24.43	2,615	21.94	2,745	23.79
Deaths	375	6.51	366	6.68	805	6.75	751	6.51
Infant Mortality (b)	20	15.82	23	17.19	57	21.80	55	20.04

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Tuberculosis	3	-	6	4
Malignant neoplasms	71	70	143	138
Diabetes mellitus	2	5	6	8
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	2	3
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	29	45	80	96
Diseases of the heart	112	114	233	226
Hypertension with heart disease	8	8	22	14
Other hypertensive diseases	3	2	4	5
Arteriosclerosis	17	7	26	17
Influenza	3	-	4	-
Pneumonia	14	7	28	12
Bronchitis	5	5	10	9
Other respiratory diseases	8	4	9	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	4	5	6
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	1	4	6
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	1	-
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	1	6	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	5	5	7
Disease of the prostate	7	2	8	7
Maternal causes	-	-	-	-
Diseases of early infancy	13	13	38	32
Motor vehicle accidents	13	14	34	33
Other accidents	21	23	37	45
Suicide	3	8	13	13
All other causes	33	27	81	62
Total:	375	366	805	751



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, 1960, totalled 167,137 acres, a decrease of 170,444 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 1,717,561 acres, a decrease of 5,086,107 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1959.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,178,389	4,248,247	43,611,411	41,597,866
Revenue per Head of Population	£7. 2. 2	£5.18.11	£60. 4. 9	£58.11.11
Expenditure	5,615,594	4,764,307	48,354,247	46,374,263
Expenditure per Head of Population	£7.14. 2	£6.13. 5	£66.15. 9	£65. 6. 6

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of March, 1960 amounted to £76,097,759 or £104-7-9 per head of population as against £69,092,151 or £96-13-10 per head at the end of March, 1959.

BANK CLEARANCES

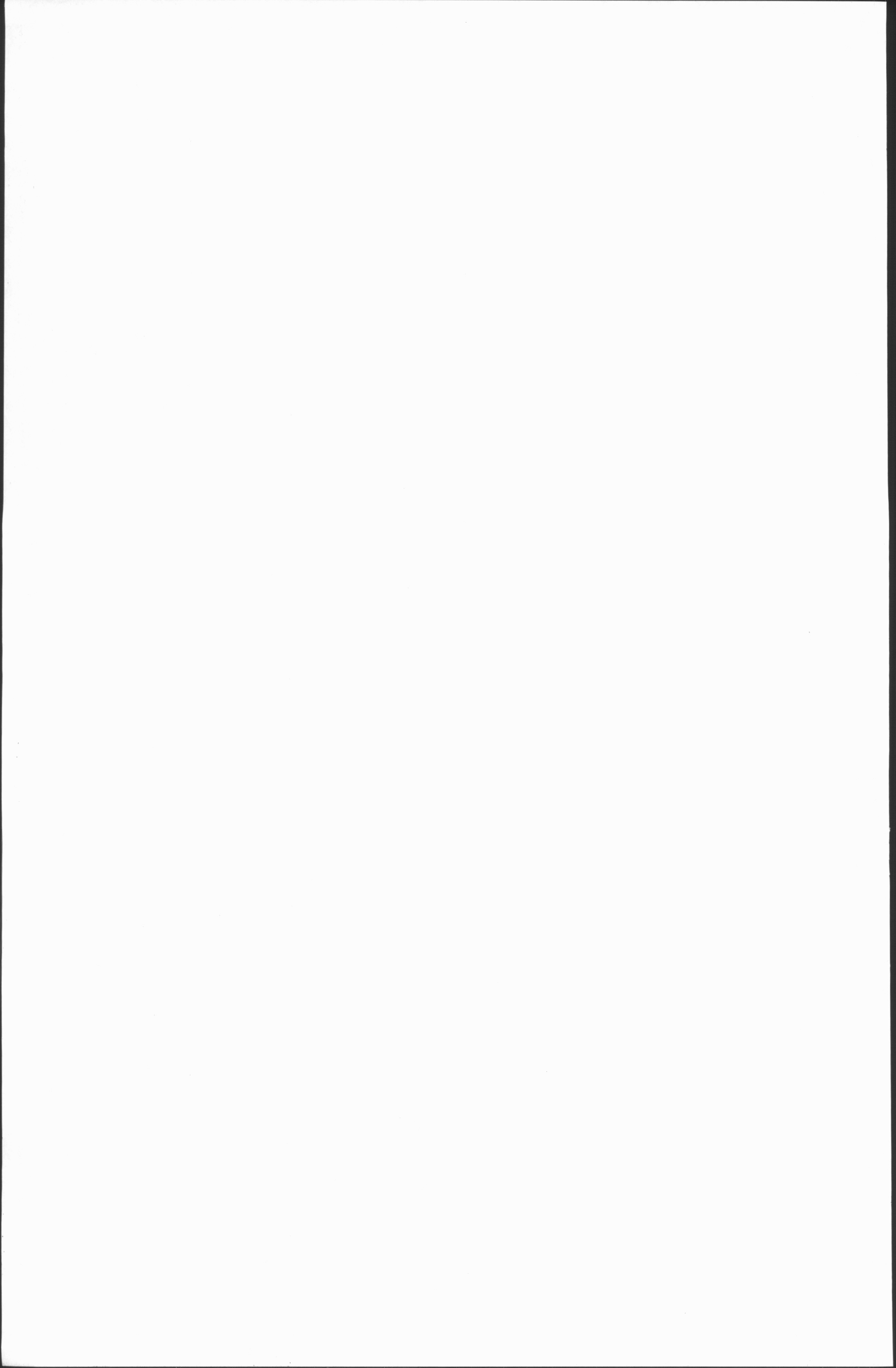
The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 30th March, 1960, amounted to £22,276,441 compared with £16,984,867 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Transfers	No.	2,171	1,522	16,330	14,158
	£.	4,457,654	2,676,126	28,272,812	23,581,656
Mortgages	No.	1,668	1,204	12,158	10,950
	£.	4,972,264	2,729,238	27,094,105	21,488,925
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,296	882	9,527	8,147

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
March, 1960	4,844,591	3,782,683	12,704,449	794,341
March, 1959	3,104,774	2,537,395	10,301,217	576,273
Nine Months ended March, 1960	40,013,209	30,453,099	101,495,526	6,487,269
Nine Months ended March, 1959	35,403,916	27,440,746	89,963,319	5,402,474



COMPANIES REGISTERED

248 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £11,549,800 and 114 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1960. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 168 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,224,852 and 89 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1960			1959		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	91	174,651	43,323	85	403,198	86,818
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	59	185,214	223,166	67	365,922	317,735

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,289,800	1,168,300	9,669,900	8,719,200
Operating Expenses (a) £.	1,289,969	1,181,105	10,158,999	9,795,360
Train Miles Run No.	651,881	618,947	5,277,428	5,009,908
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b)100,669	(c)100,694	(d)771,750	(e)760,892
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,380,749	1,465,857	9,503,734	9,698,875
Motor Bus No.	18,739	19,830	176,351	175,984
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	441,553	358,710	2,784,548	2,265,416
Livestock	10,185	10,681	116,449	109,223
Departmental (Free Freight)	49,912	61,684	444,571	482,725
Total:	501,650	431,075	3,345,568	2,857,364
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	65,593,040	58,307,016	433,591,893	371,042,239
Livestock	1,226,296	1,300,820	15,025,046	14,603,103
Departmental (Free Freight)	4,378,760	5,187,643	40,872,159	44,306,830
Total:	71,198,096	64,795,479	489,489,098	429,952,172

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

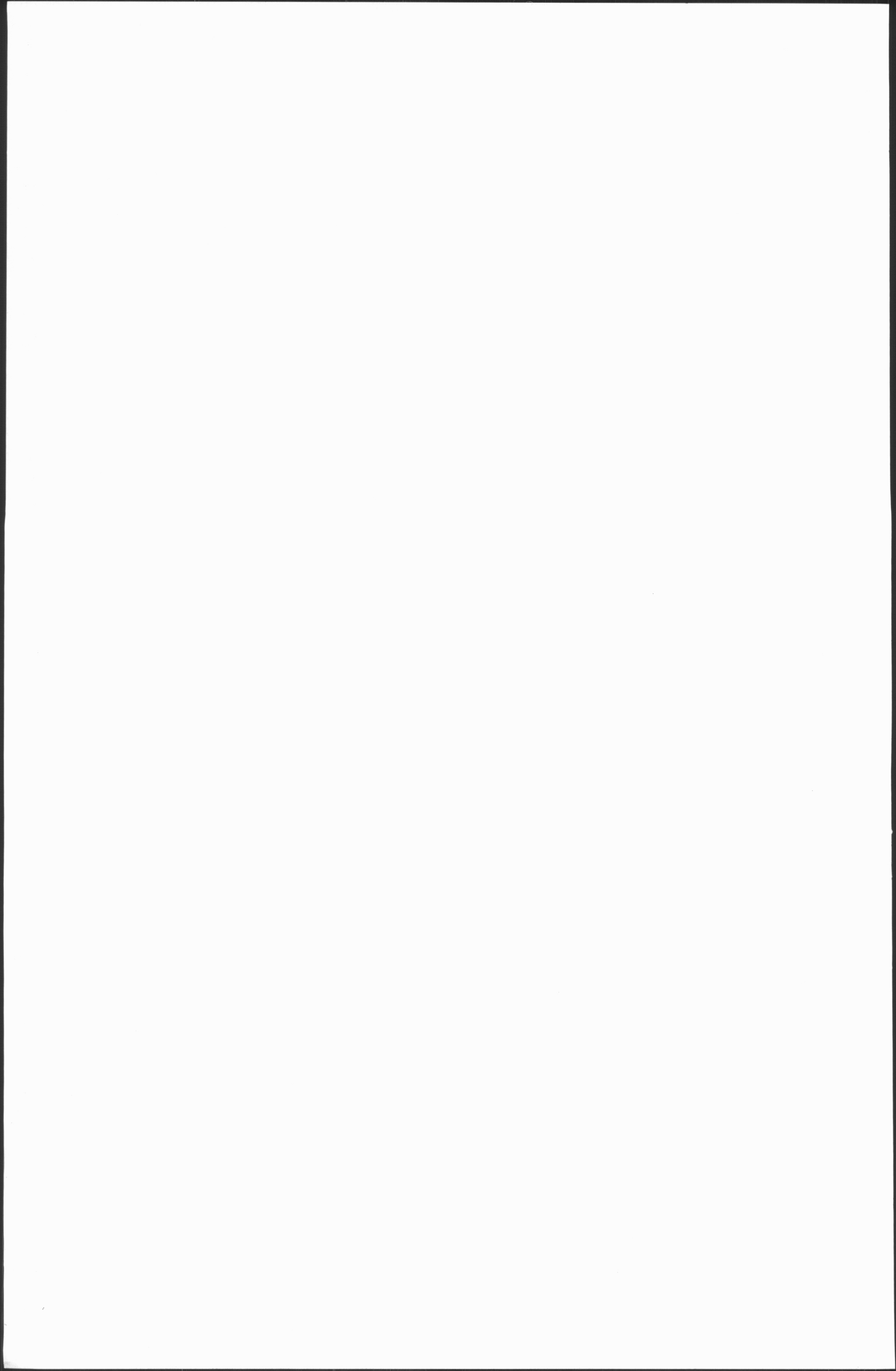
(b) Four weeks ended 30th January.

(c) Four weeks ended 31st January.

(d) Period 1st July to 30th January.

(e) Period 1st July to 31st January.

* Figures subject to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1959 -										
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163
November	703	112	196	1	138	1,091	207	505	1	194
December	645	113	207	4	169	1,092	218	528	6	217
1960 -										
January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170
February	559	136	204	-	178	903	214	427	7	232

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
January	79,633	26,120	571	9,464	122,846	67,210	1,102	13,352
February	79,930	26,152	571	9,573	123,988	67,566	1,194	13,538

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	3,550	3,368	29,462	32,636	14,846	9,644	80,582	62,431
Interstate	8,599	8,625	79,147	65,568	5,002	3,163	23,764	22,769
Total:	12,149	11,993	108,609	98,204	19,848	12,807	104,346	85,200

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499
Sept. Qr.	367	961	1,251	3,682	37	332	182	2,286	1,837	7,261
Dec. Qr.	310	831	1,312	4,189	36	238	204	3,122	1,862	8,380

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

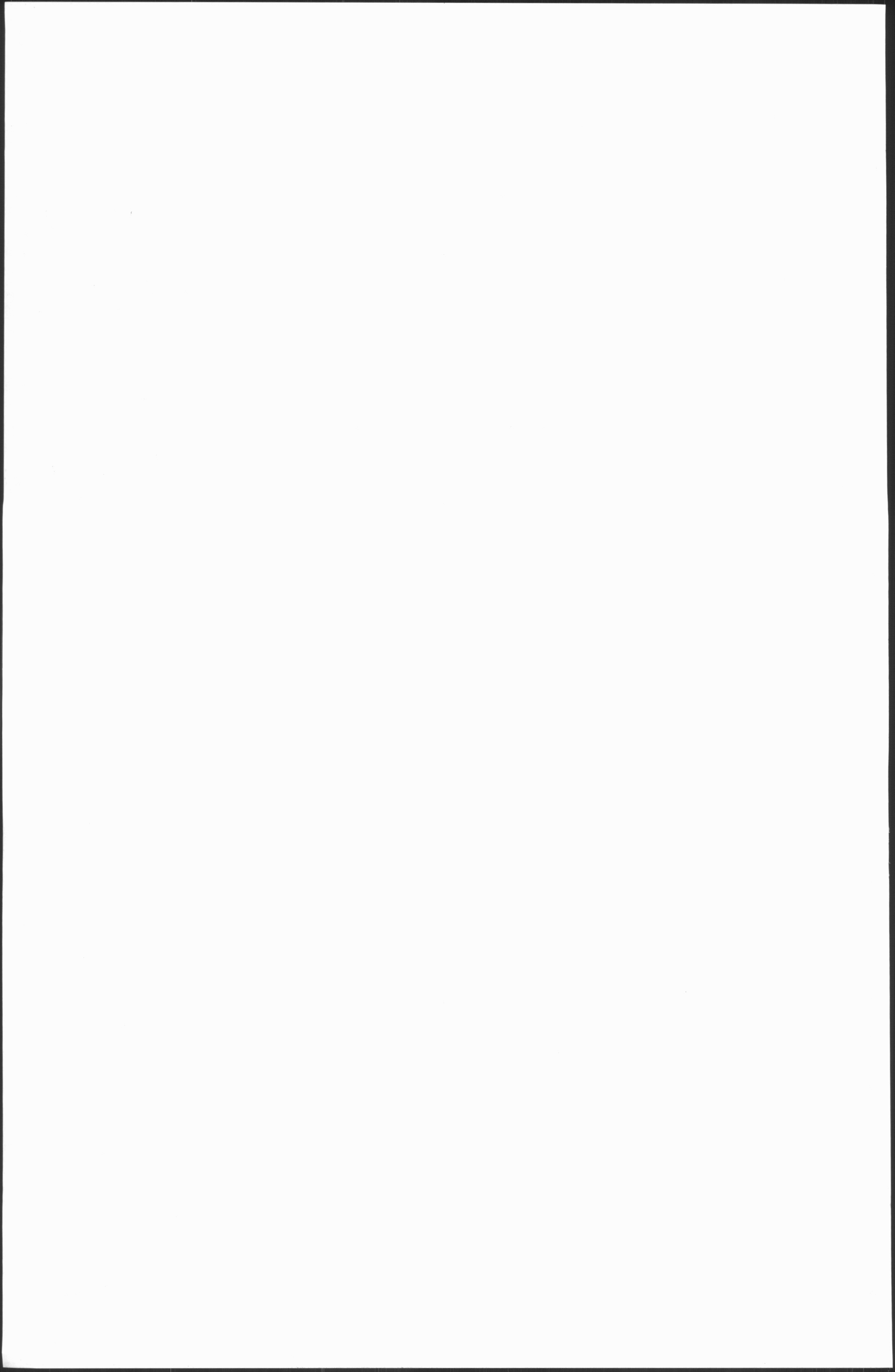
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173
Sept. Qr.	969	3,125	5	15	561	1,304	2	2	1,537	4,446
Dec. Qr.	1,071	3,481	6	6	442	1,061	-	-	1,519	4,548

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	Fine oz. £.	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Quantity		64,323	66,464	126,486	127,682
Value (Aust. Currency)		1,005,054	1,038,500	1,976,343	1,995,031
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies		150,000	150,000	187,800	150,000

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Metropolitan Area	3000	3162	2986	3111	2770	2869	2758	2832
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3249	3391	3224	3361	2679	2750	2665	2730
Northam	3088	3145	3093	3150	2711	2761	2712	2753
Bunbury	3059	3126	3088	3107	2805	2870	2796	2849
Geraldton	3258	3457	3241	3420	2994	3125	2971	3097
Collie	3146	3281	3175	3247	2528	2599	2533	2575

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959 (cont.):</u>			
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1
September	138.8	46.2	185.0	September	140.2	47.1	187.3
October	139.2	46.2	185.4	October	140.5	47.4	187.9
November	139.1	46.4	185.5	November	140.6	48.0	188.6
December	139.3	46.8	186.1	December	140.3	48.0	188.3
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960:</u>			
January	139.3	46.3	185.6	January	140.3	47.1	187.4
February	139.2	46.5	185.7	February	141.0	48.2	189.2

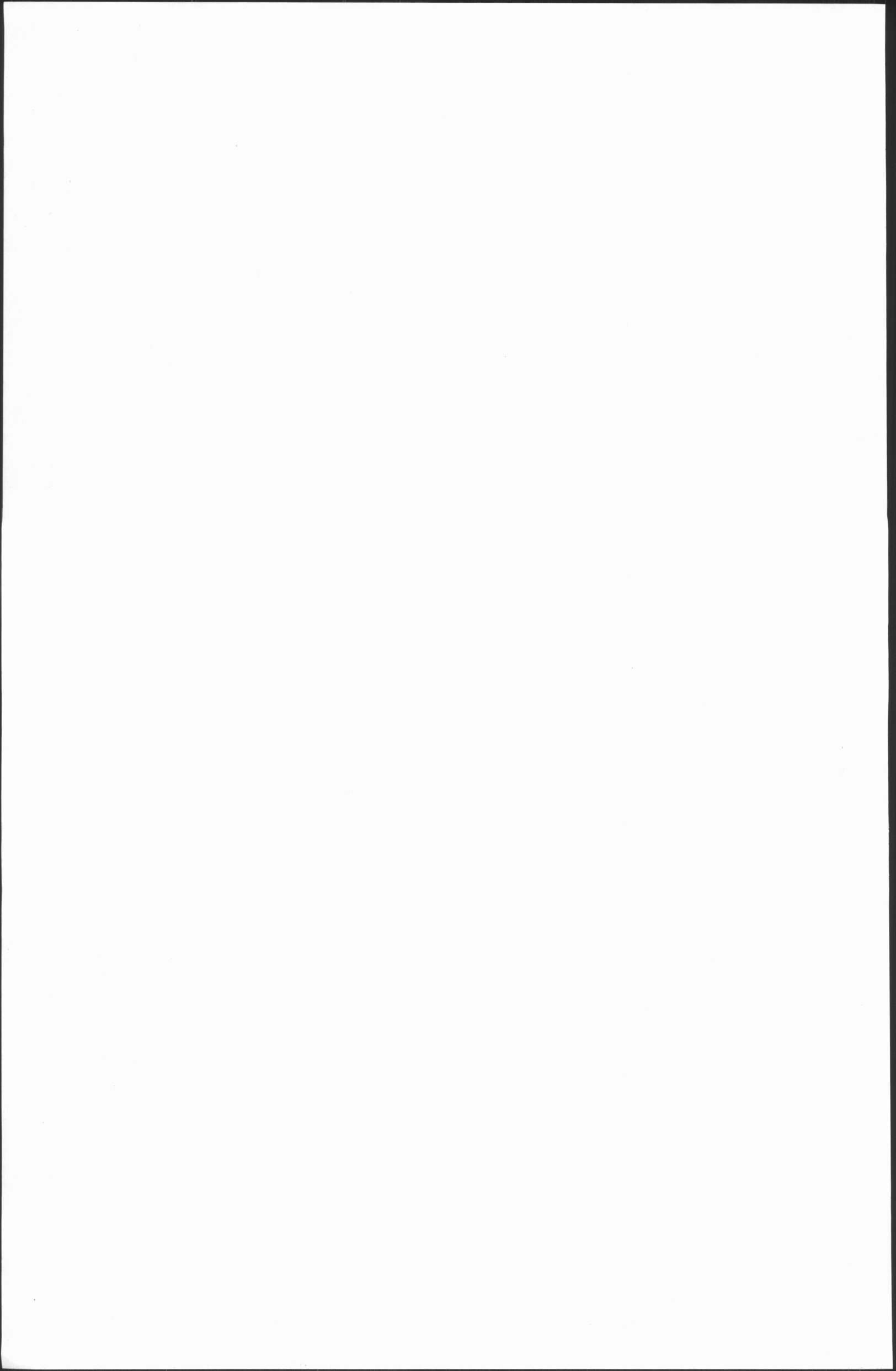
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INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	226	237	241	232	231	229	229
February	228	240	241	235	233	231	232
March	231	242	240	236	234	233	
April	230	243	239	234	233	233	
May	231	242	238	234	230	232	
June	230	239	235	231	228	229	
July	230	238	231	229	229	229	
August	230	239	230	229	229	230	
September	232	241	233	232	230	229	
October	233	241	233	232	232	229	
November	234	243	233	233	231	231	
December	233	242	232	232	231	230	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
2/5/60	14.	6.	4	10.	14.	9	14.	3.	1
							10.	12.	4
							13.	18.	10
							10.	9.	2

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
February, 1960	13,149	2,048	148,971	50,014	14,177
February, 1959	13,990	2,457	122,614	35,676	13,521
8 Months ended February, 1960	143,909	19,138	1,227,444	628,254	121,484
8 Months ended February, 1959	137,942	21,305	1,085,365	654,590	142,167

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
February, 1960	2,459	77	2,574	687	811
February, 1959	2,608	89	2,205	475	703
8 Months ended February, 1960	29,829	743	21,681	8,679	6,677
8 Months ended February, 1959	27,938	841	20,396	9,171	7,155

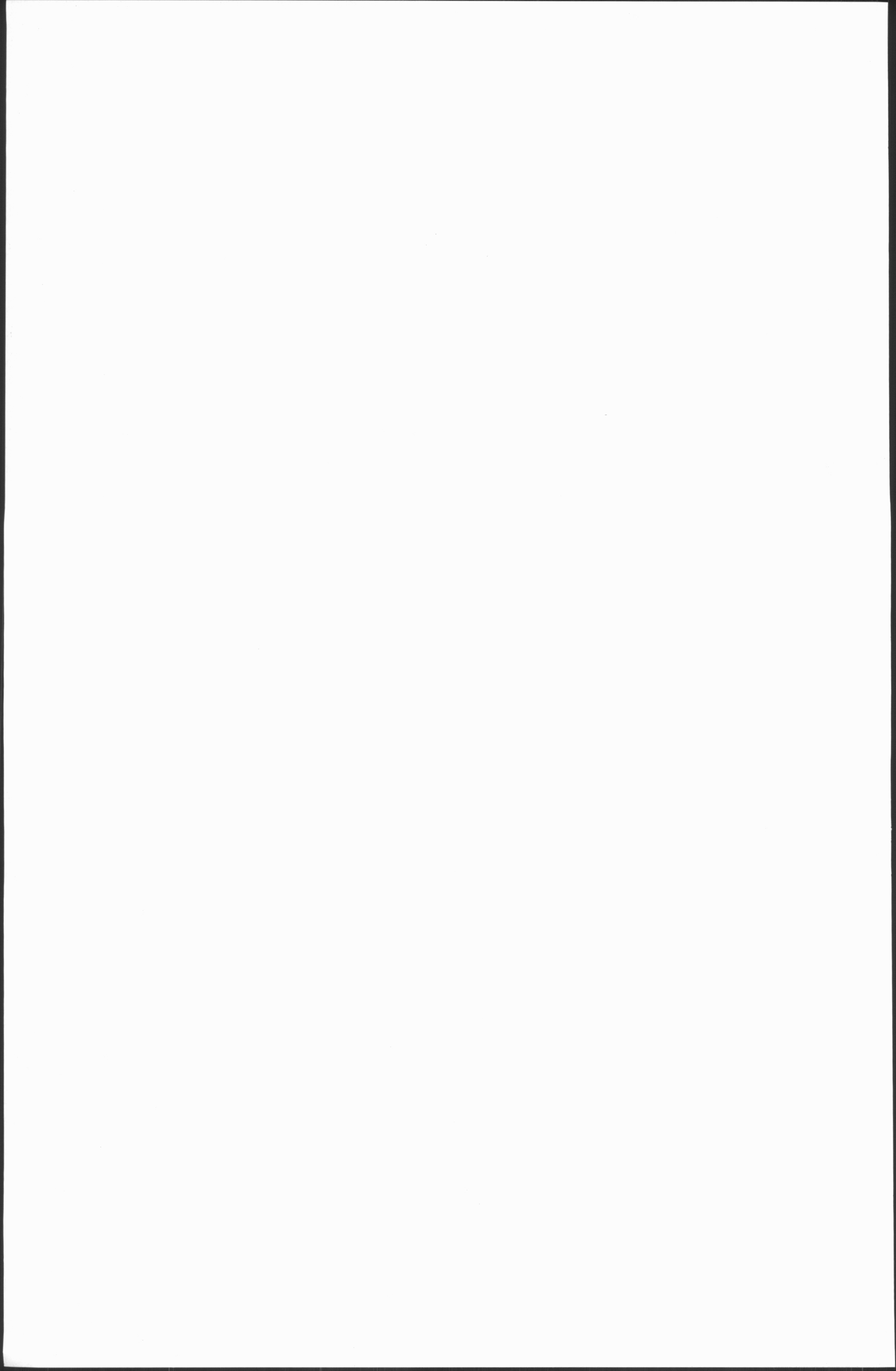
(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
2 Months ended February, 1959	908	1,257	392	575	1,300	1,832	12	29	513	806
2 Months ended February, 1960	1,020	1,382	421	573	1,441	1,955	12	30	529	735
1960 -										
January	525	712	208	283	733	995	8	18	273	376
February	495	670	213	290	708	960	4	12	256	359



AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

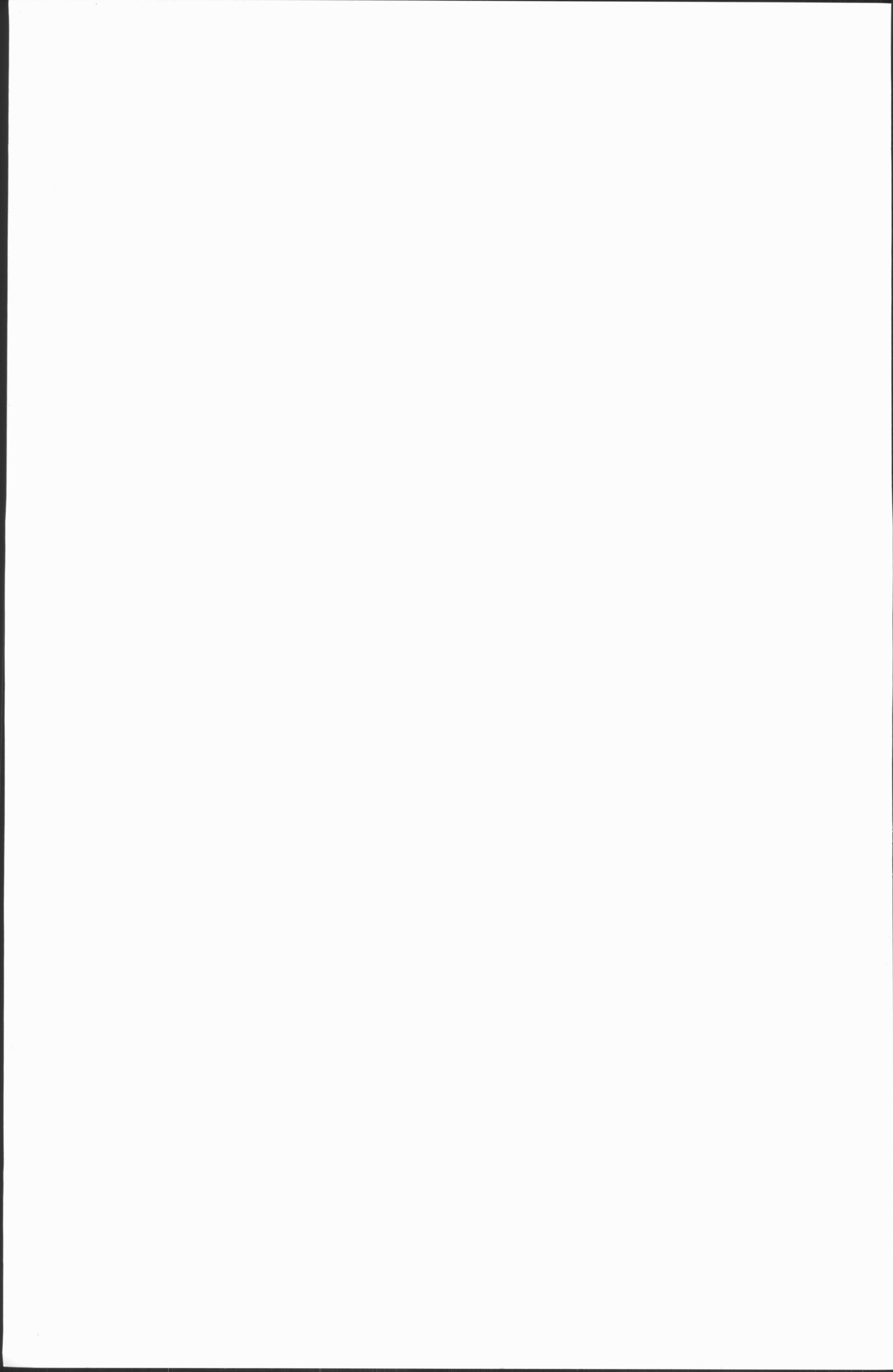
Item	Unit	1959										1960		
		Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6	11. 6	11. 2	11. 3	12. 8	14. 0
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3	-	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4	29. 0	35. 1	38. 9	34. 4
Bananas - Local	lb.	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1	1. 0	1. 0	10	11
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7	38. 7	44. 3	-	15.10
- Other	bush.	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6	49.10	37. 6	24.11	22. 4
Pears	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-	-	-	-	26. 8	23. 3
Apricots	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.11	38.10	42.11	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33. 0	29. 0	-
Plums	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46. 2	30.11	36. 3	29. 8
Peaches	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.10	27. 8	34. 6	23. 9	26. 5
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 4	28. 4	29. 0	27. 4
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate(a)	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6	6. 2	4. 1	4. 7	5. 5
Cauliflowers	dozen	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2	-	-	15. 7	19. 1
Lettuce	crate	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9	6. 0	6.11	9. 4	10. 9
Table Celery	doz.head	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7	7.10	6. 8	10. 2	8. 3
Beetroot	cwt.	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8	25. 6	20.11	31. 5	27. 2
Carrots	cwt.	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5	23.11	17. 1	19. 0	18. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11	47. 1	46.10	38. 2	35. 5	37. 0
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3	7. 0	5. 0	6.11	7. 9
Swedes	cwt.	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6	44.10	49. 9	25. 9	22.10	33. 6
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6	9	8	5	5	6
Peas	lb.	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0	11	1. 2	1. 5	1. 4	1. 8
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	5	4	5	6	6	7	9	10	8	11	6	5
Pumpkin	bag	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6	42. 5	23. 9	17.11	14. 7
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2	15. 9	19. 1	18. 6	15. 9
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0
Potatoes (d)	ton	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

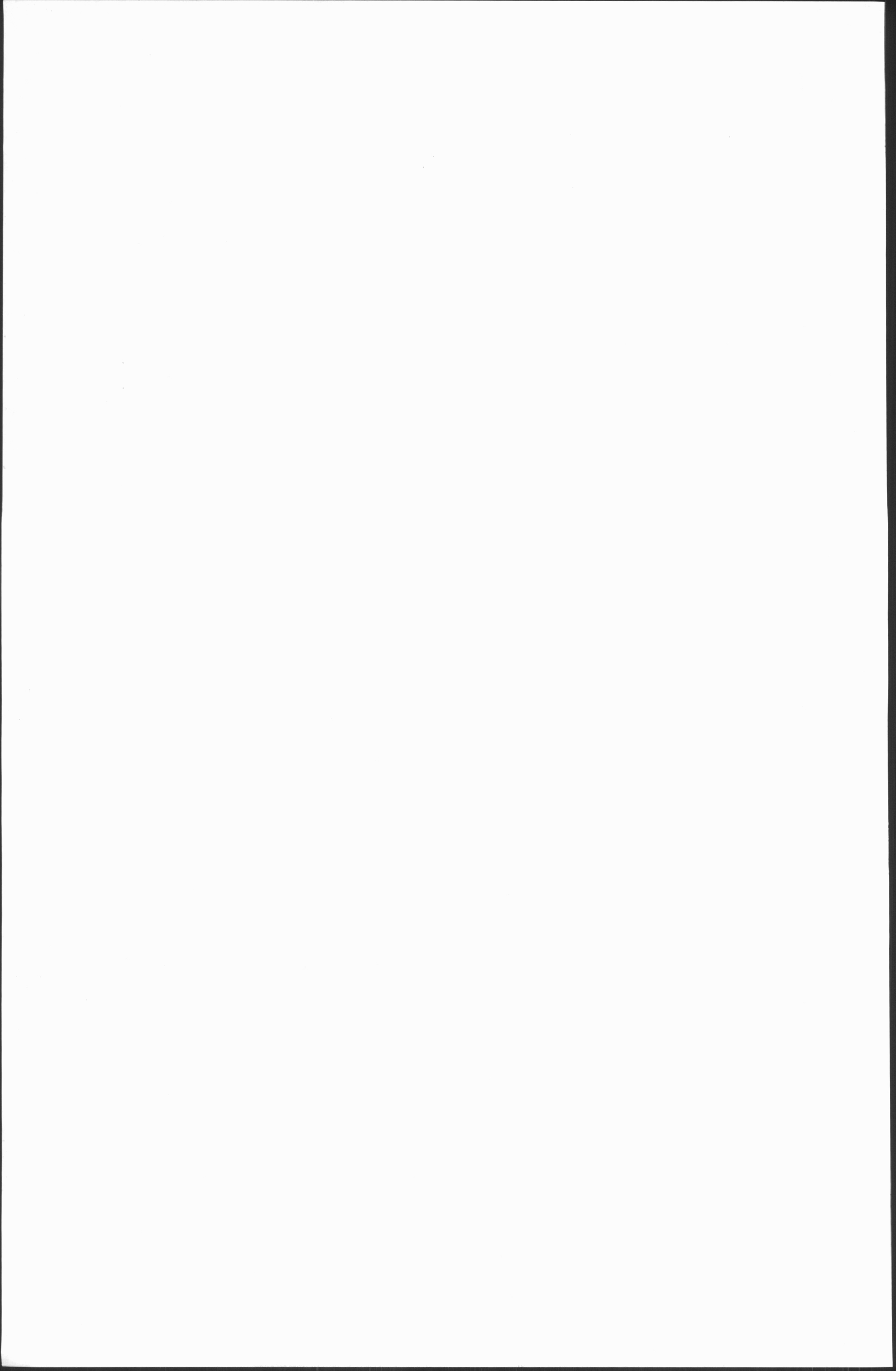
(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

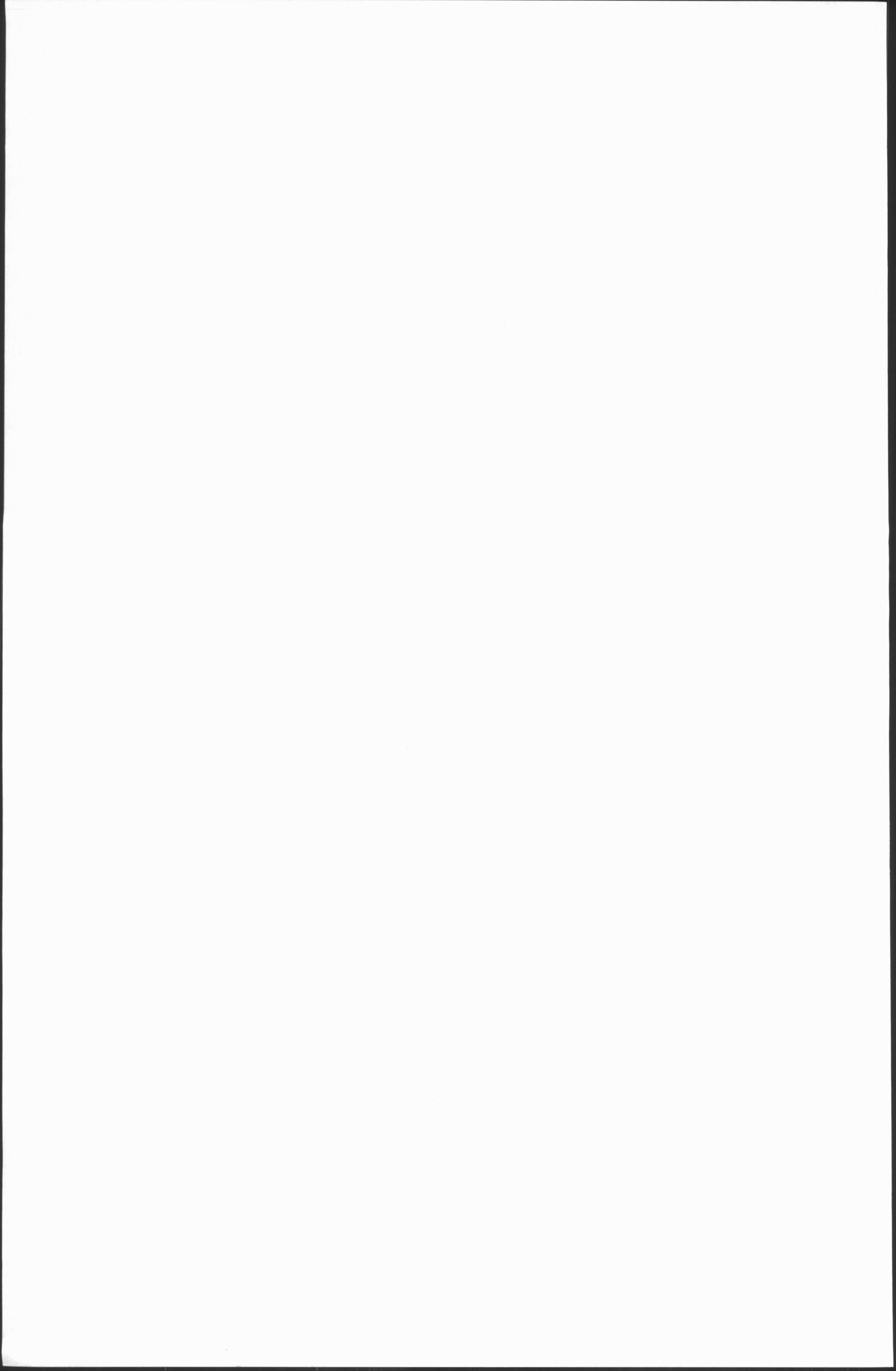
Item	1959										1960		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	-	-	-	-
Lambs													
In Wool	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	2.12. 2	2.18.11	3. 5. 8	3.13. 8
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.10. 7	2.16. 9	2.17. 0	3. 8. 8
Ewes													
In Wool	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	1.11. 3	1.14.11	1.19. 8	2. 5. 8
Wethers													
In Wool	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	2. 2. 0	2.11. 8	2.14. 9	2.17. 3
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	30. 0. 9	31.16.10	33.18.11	36. 2. 9
Heifers	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	37. 0. 6	38.11. 6	-	43.13. 2
Cows	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	44.19. 1	47. 8. 9	50. 6.10	53. 8. 5
Steers	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	46. 5. 5	49.13. 8	51.13. 7	53.17. 9
Bullocks	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	53. 6. 2	-	-	-
PIGS													
Slips	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	7. 3. 2	7. 1.10	6. 9. 4	6.18. 9
Porkers	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	11.17. 2	11. 4. 3	11.17.10	11.13. 5
Baconers	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	18. 9. 2	18. 7. 3	17. 6. 0	16.17. 8



RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	
1954-55	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,721	4,166	3,340	80,864	24,164	15,771	20,779
1958 - April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,592	480	360	7,049	2,054	1,355	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	Particulars not yet available												(f)23,721
February	do.												(f)22,869

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycle and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary estimate.

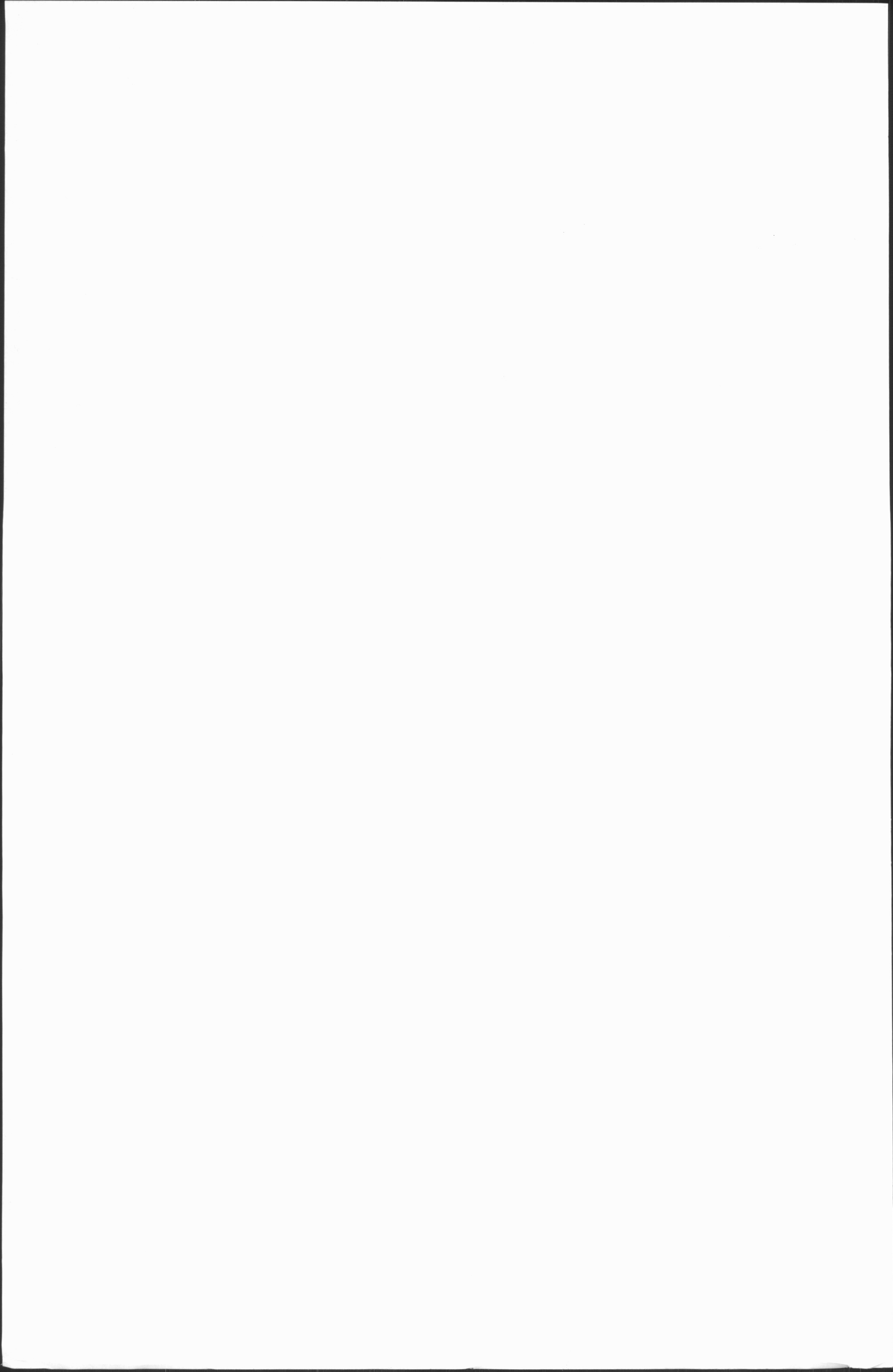


RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	12.6	1.7	3.8	2.4	3.0	1.6	1.7	7.5	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.8	11.2	19.5	18.4	24.9	4.2	10.9	8.6	6.6	5.6	4.8	21.3	164.8	55.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	5.9	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.0
1959	7.5	2.9	5.0	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.7
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.8	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.7	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.6	1.3	3.3	3.4	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	47.8	17.0
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.6	40.1	13.9
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.2	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	6.1	41.9	14.3

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	416	393	3,537	3,419
Bricks - Clay	'000	8,210	7,348	65,514	60,779
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	145	113	897	851
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,877	1,455	15,374	14,908
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	35,028	22,663	244,703	193,560
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	441	512	3,659	3,560
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	16,100	17,071	139,936	140,716
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,126	961	6,717	6,678
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,225	828	7,553	8,282
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,057	4,591	42,512	39,135
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	31	31	397	461
- 2 piece	"	1,310	1,222	11,345	10,385
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,948	4,713	50,102	39,448
- Work	"	17,424	9,170	125,307	96,676
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	39,253	38,485	392,633	393,280
Slippers	"	16,685	16,676	105,242	155,935
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	549	472	3,210	3,001
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	20,182	23,518	152,245	174,851
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	583	491	4,703	4,439
Butter	"	516	317	13,480	11,711
Cheese	"	75	98	2,665	2,070
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	391	515	5,032	4,324
- Sulphuric	ton	19,175	17,965	137,282	127,491
Coal	"	75,060	77,897	588,603	586,464
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	76,021	69,696	605,883	574,491
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	101	98	929	954
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	4,156	2,941	24,917	22,237
- Woven Wire	"	1,458	1,386	14,983	16,500
- Soft Filled	"	3,188	3,188	23,311	23,026
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	54	23	406	296
Pig Iron	ton	3,562	1,360	29,743	12,747
Superphosphate	"	51,302	49,382	378,612	348,634
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,918	2,428	22,602	17,421

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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